

**ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST**  
**TRANSITION EIS**  
**PART II – PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVE 3**  
**FUTURE PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS**

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**Part II for Preliminary Alternative 3 includes the use of design criteria and a site-specific review process for future proposals to develop reserved and outstanding mineral rights within the ANF. The following information identifies the proposed process.**

**DESIGN CRITERIA:** Future proposals would be required to be consistent with standards and guidelines in the Allegheny National Forest Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Preferred Alternative (Alternative 3).

**SITE-SPECIFIC REVIEW PROCESS:** When a proposal is received, the Forest Service will conduct necessary field reviews to ensure (1) the proposal is consistent with Forest Plan standards and guidelines, (2) potential impacts to site-specific resources have been appropriately mitigated, and (3) the proposal is within the bounds of the analysis conducted as part of the Transition EIS. Field specialists will complete the following forms to document this process.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:** The Forest Service will provide public notification of proposals via the ANF website and email listserve within 10 business days of receiving all required information from the mineral owner. Public concerns on the proposal must be submitted in writing within 10 business days of public notification.

**ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST**  
**PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP**  
**RESERVED OR OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS**  
**FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION**

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**Proposal Title:**

**Proposal Leader:**

**Proposal Location:**

**Legal Description:**

**Warrants/Lots:**

**Management Areas:**

**Description of proposal (attach map):**

## INTERDISCIPLINARY COORDINATION PLAN

Route the project description and this coordination plan to all resources that could be affected by the proposal. Place a checkmark next to resource areas where coordination would be necessary. Specific resource documentation sheets for the resources marked with an asterisk (\*) are attached.

| RESOURCE  | NAME |
|---|------|
| Forest Vegetation & Products  |      |
| Heritage & Cultural Resources *   |      |
| NEPA  |      |
| Noise (recreation and wildlife review required; reference Transition EIS Noise Analysis Mitigation Recommendations) |      |
| Recreation Opportunities, Forest Settings, and Congressionally and Administratively Designated Areas *              |      |
| Soils/Hydrology *   |      |
| Transportation *  |      |
| Wildland Fire   |      |
| Wildlife & Plants/Non-native Invasive Species *   |      |
| Other:  |      |

## FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

**Proposal Title:**

**Resources:** HERITAGE RESOURCES

**Specialist Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, the following resource issues must be answered.

A. Is the proposal area covered by previous surveys? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, go to B.

If no, complete pre-field survey and conduct field surveys. Once survey is completed, go to B.

B. Is the proposal consistent with standards and guidelines in the Allegheny National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and applicable federal and state laws?

If yes, no further review is necessary.

If no, proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis completed. If the proposal is to be modified, please document the modification below.

Attach a copy of the summary sheet documenting the cultural resource inventory.

**Specialist Recommendation:**

## FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

**Proposal Title:**

**Resources:** RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES, FOREST SETTINGS, AND CONGRESSIONALLY AND ADMINISTRATIVELY DESIGNATED AREAS

**Specialist Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, the following resource issues must be answered.

- A. Is the proposal consistent with standards and guidelines in the Allegheny National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and applicable federal and state laws?

If yes, go to B.

If no, proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis completed. If the proposal is to be modified, please document the modification below. Then go to B.

- B. Does the proposed development create any public safety concerns regarding existing developed recreation facilities (i.e. trailheads, developed campgrounds, etc.)? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, the safety concern must be addressed through modification of the proposed development or dropping the proposed development. If the proposed development is to be modified, please document the modification below. Then go to C.

If no, go to C.

- C. Does the proposed development impact any research studies?

If yes, list potential mitigations to avoid or minimize impacts to the research.

If no, no further review is necessary.

**Specialist Recommendation:**

## FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

**Proposal Title:**

**Resources:** SOILS/HYDROLOGY

**Specialist Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, the following resource issues must be answered.

- A. Have surveys been conducted for streams, wetlands, vernal pools, springs, and seeps within the proposal area? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, go to B.

If no, complete pre-field survey and conduct field survey, then go to B.

- B. Is the proposal consistent with standards and guidelines in the Allegheny National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and applicable federal and state laws?

If yes, go to C.

If no, the proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. If the proposal is to be modified, please document the modification needs below. Then go to C.

- C. Are prime farmlands or soils of state-wide importance within the proposed development area?

If yes, list potential mitigations to avoid or minimize impacts. If impact cannot be avoided, submit documentation of impact to the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

If no, no further review is necessary.

**Specialist Recommendation:**

## FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

**Proposal Title:**

**Resources:** TRANSPORTATION

**Specialist Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, the following resource issues must be answered.

- A. Does transportation planning identify an alternative road system within the proposed area that minimizes impacts to surface resources?

If yes, proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis completed. If the proposal is to be modified, please document the modification below. Then go to B.

If no, go to B.

- B. Is the road system consistent with standards and guidelines in the Allegheny National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and applicable federal and state laws?

If yes, no further review is necessary.

If no, proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis completed. If the proposal is to be modified, please document the modification below.

**Specialist Recommendation:**

## FIELD REVIEW DOCUMENTATION

**Proposal Title:**

**Resources:** WILDLIFE & PLANTS

**Specialist Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the design criteria approved in the Transition EIS Record of Decision, the following resource issues must be answered.

A. Are there large, contiguous patches of habitat within the proposed area?

If yes, is there an opportunity to maintain a habitat corridor? If yes, identify mitigations to maintain the habitat corridor. Then go to B.

If no, go to B.

B. Have surveys been conducted within the proposal area? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, is the survey information still valid? If yes, go to C.

If no, complete pre-field survey and conduct field survey. Then go to C.

C. Is the proposal consistent with standards and guidelines in the Allegheny National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and applicable federal and state laws?

If yes, no further review is necessary.

If no, the proposal must be modified, dropped, or a separate NEPA analysis conducted. If the site is to be protected or mitigated, please document the protection or mitigation needs below.

**Specialist Recommendation:**